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SUBJECT: WAIVER APPLICATION OF TRAVEL-ONLY STUDENT
GRANTEE

REF: ACCRA A-73, APRIL 1971

1. WILLIAM JACOB OFOSU-AMAAH, FY-71 TRAVEL-ONLY GRANTEE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CENTER PROGRAM, APPLIED FOR WAIVER OF INS REGULATION THAT J-VISA EXCHANGE VISITORS RETURN HOME FOR TWO YEARS FOLLOWING COMPLETION THEIR PROGRAMS BEFORE THEY CAN APPLY FOR U. S. PERMANENT RESIDENCY.

2. GHANAIAN EMBASSY ISSUED "NO OBJECTION" STATEMENT ON BASIS MR. OFOSU-AMAAH'S JUSTIFICATION THAT (1) HIS SERVICES NOT PRESENTLY NEEDED IN GHANA, (2) HE WILL BE MORE USEFUL TO GHANA IF PRACTICES LAW IN U. S. FOR SOME TIME AND GAINS EXPERIENCE IN HIS AREAS OF INTEREST, INTERNATIONAL AND CORPORATE LAW, WHICH REQUIRE SOPHISTICATED LEGAL SYSTEM LIKE IN U. S. AND (3) HE NEEDS AMERICAN BAR MEMBERSHIP TO PRACTICE AND, TO BE ADMITTED, NEEDS BECOME PERMANENT RESIDENT.

3. ILC, THROUGH FORD FUNDING, PAID FOR LLB AND SJD FROM
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HARVARD AND ARRANGED "PRACTICAL TRAINING" FOR HIM WITH NEW YORK LAW FIRM. HE NOW HAS HAD ASSOCIATESHIP WITH FIRM FOR TWO YEARS (THIS OVER 18-MONTH "PRACTICAL TRAINING" LIMIT PERMITTED BY INS). DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THIS SUFFICIENT U. S. LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND HE SHOULD RETURN TO PUT EDUCATION TO GHANA'S BENEFIT.

4. BEFORE MAKING RECOMMENDATION, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT WISHES POST,S OPINION WHETHER WAIVER SHOULD BE GRANTED, BASED ON POST,S RECOLLECTION OF OSU-AMAAH'S PLANS AND PURPOSES IN EMBARKING ON PROGRAM, JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN GHANA COMMENSURATE WITH HIS CAREER PLANS, AND POST'S REASONS FOR NOMINATING HIM. KISSINGER

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